

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2019 – 5:30 PM**

PRESENT: William Goldfinch, Mayor Pro Tem, and Council Members Tom Anderson, Shane Hubbard, Jean Timbes, and Larry White **ABSENT:** Mayor Barbara Jo Blain-Bellamy (out of town business)

STAFF: Adam Emrick, City Administrator; Dale Long, Police Chief; Reggie Jenerette, Solid Waste Director; Ashley Smith, Recreation Director; Timmy Williams, Director of Parks and Ground Maintenance; Braxton Fleming, Public Works Superintendent; Allison Williams, Finance Director; Lynn Smith, Human Resources Director; Le Hendrick, Fire Chief; James Friday, Public Utilities Director; Kent Bitting, Public Utilities Superintendent; Mary Catherine Hyman, Deputy Administrator/Planning & Development Director; John Rogers, Deputy Administrator/ Grants & Special Project Director; Kevin Chestnut, Public Works Director; Robert Cooper, Building Official; Alex Cook, Building Plan Reviewer; Gavin Rowe, Building Maintenance Tech; Jim Hill, Building Inspector; Taylor Newell, Public Information Officer; and Barbara Tessier, City Clerk

OTHERS: Donna Kalzo, Barb Eisenhart, Alex Hyman, Justin Jordan, and Kathy Ropp

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tem Goldfinch called the meeting to order. Pastor Matt Wilson of Ekklesia Christian Church gave the invocation and City Council and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The requirements for posting notice of this meeting under South Carolina's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) were met.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Motion:** White made a motion, seconded by Timbes, to approve the October 21, 2019 agenda. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Special Event – Lights Music Christmas – December 7, 2019 – N. Conway Baptist Church
- B. Special Event – Annual Veterans Day Parade – November 9, 2019 – Old Horry Courthouse
- C. Final Reading of Ordinance #ZA2019-10-21 (A) An Ordinance to annex approximately 0.36 acres of property located at 110 Clemson Road (TMS 151-19-02-030 | PIN 383-10-04-0004) and request to rezone from Horry County Residential (SF10) to City of Conway Low/Medium Density Residential District (R-1).

- D. Final Reading of Ordinance #ZA2019-10-21 (B) to amend Article 6 of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), regarding the default residential zoning district.
- E. Approval of proposal from Liollo Architecture for Phase 1 Predesign Services for the Whittemore Community Center
- F. Purchase of budgeted vehicle for the Building and Planning Departments
- G. Special Event – America’s Boating Club of Long Bay Christmas Regatta – December 7, 2019 - Rhonda Hardee

Motion: White made a motion, seconded by Timbes, to approve the Consent Agenda. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Donna Kalzo spoke on the importance of I-73 becoming a reality.

Motion: White made a motion, seconded by Timbes, to close public input. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Employees of the Month – Alex Cook and Gavin Rowe – Building Department. Robert Cooper presented Cook and Rowe with their awards.

FIRST READING

- A. **First Reading of Ordinance #2019-11-4 (A) to revise Title 3, Chapter 1, Article D, Section 3-1-36 of the City of Conway Code of Ordinance relative to the special event permit application process.** Rogers informed Council that special event applications were previously filed with the Planning Department and later the Recreation Department. Due to the amount of time involved in handling these requests, staff has proposed for special event permit requests be filed with the Administration Department. **Motion:** White made a motion, seconded by Hubbard, to approve first reading of Ordinance #2019-11-4 (A). **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried
- B. **First Reading of Ordinance #2019-11-4 (B) an amendment to the City of Conway Code of Ordinance 9-3-3 Obscenity generally; communication to women and children.** Long informed Council that the U.S. Supreme Court has concluded that laws which differentiate sex and other characteristics violate strict scrutiny. Staff recommends that reference to women and children be removed, allowing a victim to be any person.

Motion: Anderson made a motion, seconded by White, to approve first reading of Ordinance #2019-11-04 (B). **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

- C. **First reading of Ordinance #ZA2019-11-04 (C) An Ordinance to annex approximately 0.49 acres of property located at Langston Heights, Lot 45 on Sellers Road (TMS 123-12-01-002 | PIN 339-06-03-0028) and request to rezone from Horry County Residential (SF40) to City of Conway Low/Medium Density Residential District (R-1).** Hyman informed Council that this request for annexation was being made to allow construction of a new single-family residence to tie into City services. **Motion:** Anderson made a motion, seconded by Timbes, to approve first reading of Ordinance ZA#2019-11-04 (C). **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

- A. **Consideration of renewal of the Mutual Aid Agreement with Horry County and Memo of Understanding with the City of Myrtle Beach.** Long informed Council that this request was to allow for the continuance for the City to be able to receive assistance from and provide assistance to Horry County and the City of Myrtle Beach via Section 23-1-210 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, Temporary Transfer or Assignment of Law Enforcement Officers. This permits any municipal or county law enforcement officer to be transferred or assigned on a temporary basis to work law enforcement within multijurisdictional task forces established for the mutual aid and benefit of participating jurisdictions or in other municipality or county in the State. **Motion:** Anderson made a motion, seconded by White, to authorize the renewal of the Mutual Aid Agreement with Horry County and the Memo of Understanding with the City of Myrtle Beach. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion Carried.
- B. **Consideration of naming rights for City facilities.** A. Smith reminded Council that he had been tasked by Council to prepare a plan for naming rights for buildings, playgrounds, and sports fields in the City. To ensure requests for naming rights are based on the same criteria, clarifying which City assets can and cannot be named, renamed or dedicated, defining the approval responsibilities of the Parks and Recreation Department and City Council, and providing prospective donators with minimum suggested contribution amounts should be prepared. All requests for naming rights will be required to be made in writing providing predetermined information. Smith commented that naming City facilities had been done in the past and that donations from naming rights would provide the City with more funds for facilities and takes the burden off taxpayers. Smith acknowledged a donation in the amount of \$100,000 from the McHugh family for the inclusive playground has been made to Conway Cares. **Motion:** Timbes made a motion, seconded by Hubbard, to approve the policy and price list for naming rights for City facilities based on staff's recommendation, and name the new inclusive playground "Ladybug Playground." **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

- C. Request from Christina and Patrick Watts to certify property at 1403 Ninth Avenue (TMS# 137-01-30-010 / PIN 33814030034) eligible for special tax assessment under the Preservation Tax Incentive Program.** Hyman informed Council a request was for a property in the residential “Conwayborough” National Register Historic District as a contributing property, where it is listed as a “Minimal Traditional” house. The house was built in 1895 at 1401 Ninth Avenue and moved to 1403 Ninth Avenue in 1935. The property has been remodeled twice before. If Council elects to certify this property, the applications will be presented to the Community Appearance Board(CAB) on November 20, 2019. If the CAB finds the rehabilitation meets the given standards, a special tax assessment will be created, freezing the assessment of the property at its current assessed value for 15 years. Staff recommends Council certify the property at 1403 Ninth Avenue in order to be considered for the special tax assessment. Motion: White made a motion, seconded by Anderson, to certify this property in order to be considered for the special tax assessment. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Hyman was asked if this process could be simplified and be handled at the staff level. Hyman indicated that staff would research to see what would be entailed to make that change.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

- SCEMD has approved the City to begin working on the 14 additional buyout properties; however, 6 of those are not finalized through SHPO. Staff will prepare for their closing waiting approval. There are 14 more properties nearing readiness that will also have to be approved through SHPO.
- The Inclusive Playground is finished. A soft opening will be held on Wednesday.
- Preliminary drawings for the tennis center have been received from USTA. The RFQ for a local engineer to work with USTA on the construction drawings should go out this week.
- The Celebration of Lights is under construction. It will take staff every day until Thanksgiving to have it completed.
- The Riverfront playground will be completed by December. Construction may start as early as next week.
- A grant from the Knight Foundation for Wayfinding signage in the Waccamaw River and for additional lighting on the Riverwalk has been received. Staff is working with our wayfinding contractor and Waccamaw Outfitters to develop the signage. The Building Department is working on the lighting.
- The already approved wayfinding signage is awaiting encroachment permits from SCDOT. As soon as the permit is obtained, the signage will be installed.
- Staff has requested a meeting with SCDOT to discuss the status of our bridges, specifically 501 Bypass. If accepted, this meeting will be December 18th at 4 p.m.
- The last set of columns on the Main Street Bridge are being painted, and the contractor hopes to be finished by the end of the month. An encroachment permit allowing staff to rehang the conduit has been applied for with the hope that the lights will be back up before Christmas.

Emrick then noted that Executive Session was no longer needed for this evening.

COUNCIL INPUT:

Timbes commented that the Conway High School Homecoming Parade had been a fun event, and the CHS girl's tennis team was undefeated.

Anderson also mentioned the parade had been great, offered congratulations to the tennis team, and suggested if anyone was interested, they could watch the tennis team in action on Thursday night at Collins Park at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion: White made a motion, seconded by Anderson, to adjourn the meeting.
Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes approved by City Council this 24th day of November, 2019.



Barbara A. Tessier, City Clerk